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# NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES

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August 6, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
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The Honorable Richard Neal  
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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
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President pro tempore emeritus Grassley, Chairman Neal, Chairman Wyden, and Ranking Member Brady:

The [National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States](#) (the Committee) was established on January 18, 2017, pursuant to Section 121 of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-183). The Committee advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Attorney General on practical and general policies to improve the Nation's response to the sex trafficking of children and youth in the United States.

In September 2020, the Committee published its interim report, [Best Practices and Recommendations for States](#), which contains 127 recommendations with supporting resources and examples that states may consult as they work to improve their response to the sex trafficking of children and youth within their jurisdictions. In March 2021, following the release of the report, the Committee released its [State Self-Assessment Survey](#) for each state to assess the extent to which they have worked to address the sex trafficking of children and youth. After states provide their survey responses, the Committee will publish a final report describing the efforts of each state to implement their recommendations.

**The Committee is reaching out to request an extension to terminate seven years from the date of its establishment (January 2024), rather than five years (January 2022) as described in P.L. 113-183.** The Committee is making this request based on the following factors:

- 1. Delayed Start:** While the Committee was established in January 2017, the Committee was not authorized conduct its first meeting for over a year and a half (September 2018).
- 2. COVID-19 Delayed Release of Report and Survey:** Due to various factors related to COVID-19 in 2020, the Committee was delayed in releasing its interim report and survey to states.

3. **COVID-19 Impacted States' Capacity to Respond to Surveys:** As a result of states responding to various priorities related to COVID-19, states have had limited capacity to review the Committee's interim report and respond to the survey.
4. **States Requesting Extensions:** The Committee has received multiple requests from states to provide extensions to respond to the State Self-Assessment Survey. Should the Committee grant these requests the Committee will have limited time to compile the states' responses and complete its final report.

Overall, extending the sunset of the Committee by 24 months will provide more time for the Committee members, in their voluntary capacity, to conduct the work with states required to meet Congressional expectations for the final report.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen H. Ujifusa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Glen (JR) Ujifusa Chairperson  
National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States

Enclosure

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